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REFERENCE: SAMSO DATED 0 AUGUST 1971

RESULTS OF TWO YEAR NPIC SPONSORED IR EVALUATION PROGRAM WITH

[REDACTED] SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN MID NOVEMBER 1971.

PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO DEFINE THE IMAGE QUALITY OF SATELLITE-BORNE [REDACTED] SENSORS IN THE CONTEXT OF SATISFYING NPIC'S

NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. THE PRIMARY EMPHASIS IS TO: (1) ESTABLISH A SET OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION (EEI'S) WHICH ARE SPECIFICALLY CHARACTERISTIC OF [REDACTED] IMAGERY COVERING THE MOST IMPORTANT TARGET CATEGORIES, (2) COLLECT CONTROLLED IMAGERY OVER ELEVEN CONUS TARGETS AT SIMULATED SATELLITE RESOLUTION, AND (3) ANALYZE THE RESULTS IN TERMS OF ITS VALUE.

NPIC IS NOT AWARE OF ANY OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL DOCUMENTS WHICH DISCUSS REQUIREMENTS FOR JUSTIFYING [REDACTED] IMAGERY. UNIQUE NPIC REQUIREMENTS WERE USED AS JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT PROGRAMS.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS ARE BEING REVEALED DURING THIS PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS [REDACTED]

A VISIT FOR A DETAILED BRIEFING ON THE RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THOS PROGRAM IS SUGGESTED FOR MID NOVEMBER.

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